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SUB: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO AND UN COMMITTEE

FO 24: IVORY COAST POSITION

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE GOOD CHANCE GOIC CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE AGAINST A POSSIBLE CUBAN RESOLUTION RATHER THAN MERELY ABSTAINING AS INDICATED PARA 8 REFTEL. AS DEPT AWARE, IVORY COAST WAS AMONG THOSE WHICH VOTED FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ISSUE IN COMMITTEE OF 24 IN AUGUST. IN COURSE OF REPRESENTATIONS ON ISSUE AT THAT TIME, GOIC INDICATED IT WAS FAMILIAR WITH PUERTO RICAN ISSUE AND IMPORTANCE WHICH USG ATTACHES TO IT. UPON RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT, EMBASSY WILL RENEW REPRESENTATIONS AND MAKE EVERY EFFORT ENCOURAGE GOIC TO CAST A NEGATIVE VOTE RATHER THAN MERELY ABSTAIN SHOULD CUBANS PROPOSE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

2. RE POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY IVORY COAST PERMREP OR WASHDC AMBASSADOR TO PUERTO RICO, EMBASSY BELIVES GOIC MIGHT REACT FAVORABLY TO IDEA, PARTICULARLY IF INVITATION WERE TO GROUP OF AMBASSADORS RATHER THAN SINGLING OUT IVORY COAST. LATTER COURSE MIGHT MAKE GOIC REP WARY

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OG GETTING OUT FRONT AND BEING SUBJECTED TO CRITICISM.

IN PRINCIPLE, HOWEVER, GOIC PHILOSOPHY IS THAT NOTHING
SUBSTITUTEN FOR FIRST-HAND, ON-THE-GROUND OBSERVATION WHICH
IS THE JUSTIFICATION GIVEN FOR THE WELL-PUBLICIZED VISIT
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